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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: SURFACE TEXTURE MEASURING MACHINE, LEVELING DEVICE FOR
SURFACE TEXTURE MEASURING MACHINE AND ORIENTATION-ADJUSTING
METHOD OF WORKPIECE OF SURFACE TEXTURE MEASURING MACHINE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the November 14, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 2, 4 and 8 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A surface texture measuring machine for measuring
a surface texture of a workpiece held on a workpiece orientation adjustment stage, the
workpiece having an edge line, the workpiece orientation adjustment stage being movable in
a measurement direction (X-axis direction) and in a direction (Y-axis direction) orthogonal
with the X-axis direction within a horizontal plane and rotatable in a X-Y plane, the
workpiece orientation adjustment stage being capable of seesawing in a direction (Z-axis
direction) orthogonal with the X-axis direction within a perpendicular plane, and the surface
texture of the workpiece being scanned by a sensor movable in the X-axis direction after